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NOTES FROM WATFORD, R. I.
JULY 29, 1869.

There is nothing that so quickly and thoroughly arouses my indignation as the way in which mothers—to use a somewhat coarse but exceedingly expressive word—are "bossed" by their daughters. I think I am as provoked with the women who permit themselves to be so led and domineered over, as I am with those who do it. The education which experience contact with the world, child bearing and child raising has brought to a woman seems to count for nothing with those who are just commencing to live a real life. In the estimation of some young women, the woman who has passed fifty is no longer capable of taking care of herself, and when she reaches the age of sixty she is not to be trusted to manage her own affairs. She often makes an excellent drudge under the management of her daughter, and can be depended upon to take care of the babies when the young folks go to the theatre or to sea shore or the mountains. But she doesn't know enough to make a visit, or select a hat. She doesn't know when she wants to go to bed, or get up. In fact she is a machine to be wound up by her daughter. This is an abomination, and self-respecting women should not submit to it.

"Oh," said a fashionable young wife to a sweet-faced, intelligent woman the other day, "I told you to wear your surah instead of that sateen. I don't see why you can't remain."

A look of pain overspread the sensitive face. "I really forgot," was the apologetic answer, "but I'll go up and change it now." It goes without saying that this woman was a fool. She should have said, "I wear this gown because I prefer it, and shall continue to choose my own costume as long as I live." If this daughter had been properly brought up such an exhibition of bosses and bossed could not have taken place. One great draw back to the independence of elderly women is their financial dependence upon their married children. So many are compelled to give up their school regularly, save their money and are preparing to make names for themselves. One of the most promising young lawyers in town rode a horse for several years between the Capitol and the departments.

Senate pages generally turn out better than house pages because they are taken care of by their employers. The rule in the senate is to take care of a page who shows himself worthy and capable. In the senate pages are discharged on reaching the age of sixteen, and they are then given places in the folding or document rooms, and are afterward made door messenger and promoted from time to time. Many of the employees of the senate started out as boys, a conspicuous example of this being old Capt. Bassett, the white-haired patriarch who sits at the left of the presiding officer. He was appointed a page through the influence of Daniel Webb.

Old man Bassett and his boys make a very pretty scene about the air, which sits the vice president. A striking contrast is formed by the captain's venerable features and patriarchal beard in such close proximity to the youthful faces of the pages. When there are few senators in their seats and the proceedings are dull, the drowsy old men let his head fall on his breast. He appears to be asleep. The boy lounge lazily. But pretty soon Senator Edwards or Senator Sherman claps his hands or snaps his fingers, and it is discovered that if Capt. Bassett had been sleeping it was with one eye open. He jumps up nervously, cracks his old fingers loudly to the drowsy boys, waves his long arms, and away saunter two or three steps follows as fast as their nimble legs will carry them. Sometimes disaster follows this sudden display of energy. The boys heedlessly rush together in the center aisle, collide and go sprawling upon the floor. On such occasions it is interesting to watch the faces of the dignified elderly senators. They have witnessed the collision and its results, but they try to look as if they had seen nothing.

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page at the beach, came to me yesterday depicting the failure of her bread. "Why, I have better luck with the yeast I make myself—though it is an awful lot of work and trouble," she said, "than I have with the yeast cakes I buy." Now this woman knows the market is full of fraudulent preparations of all kinds, and yet she does not know enough to read the labels on yeast cakes before purchasing. It is astonishing how much flour a yeast cake will spoil. I am quite satisfied with a good cook who runs a large establishment of bread before she had sense enough to take her spectacles and find out that she was not served with the yeast which had always passed unheeded. In regard to sugar, one is obliged to take a good deal on trust—no pun intended—but there is a sure test for sugar. Get coffee in the bean, and grind it. Boil a spoonful five minutes, and if it is coffee, you can reduce it to pulp with a spoon. If beans you cannot.

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EVERY ONE HAS HEARD OF THE BOYS WHO HAVE BECOME LEGISLATORS—CAPT. BASSETT'S CAREER—WAYS OF MAKING MONEY.—THAD MORRIS, ASSISTANT SPEAKER.

The smartest lot of boys in this country are the pages of the house and senate. They are a half hundred precious, quick-witted, self confident chaps, ranging in years from twelve to twenty-five. A majority of them live away from home, and, enjoying pretty good incomes for boys, their habits are not always of the best. Pages as a rule imitate the men whom they serve in chewing tobacco, smoking cigars and cigarettes, playing the races and drinking beer. All the world has heard of the pages who came back to congress as members or senators—Gorman of Maryland, Townsend of Illinois, "Bill" Scott of Pennsylvania and others. The world has concluded, therefore, that the page's path leads invariably to fame and fortune. Unfortunately this assumption is not warranted by the facts.

A majority of the pages, particularly those of the house, turn out badly. Mr. David S. Barry, who rose from Washington correspondent of The New York Sun, tells me that a number of his old associates are in jail, one or two in nebriety asylums, and only a few have amounted to anything in the world.

"One of the brightest boys of my day," says Mr. Barry, "and the one of whom most was expected, I saw the other day driving a carriage, clad in a green coat with big gilt buttons and yellow top boots."

The trouble with pages appears to be too much knowledge at an early age. They do not know at fifteen they think they know, and the result of this sort of precocity is often bumptiousness and disorder. Happily there are many exceptions to this rule, as to all others. Some of the pages now in the service of congress attend night school regularly, save their money and are preparing to make names for themselves.

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